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AN OPTICAL DISC, A RECORDER,  
A PLAYER, A RECORDING METHOD,  
AND A REPRODUCING METHOD THAT  
ARE ALL USED FOR THE OPTICAL DISC : **Mail Stop: Amendment**

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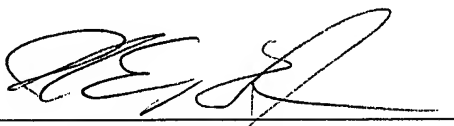
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